



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Ari M. DIACOU

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For: A DOPED-RING AMPLIFYING OPTICAL FIBER, AND AN AMPLIFIER  
CONTAINING SUCH A FIBER

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement stated in the Office Action dated January 20, 2006, applicants elect the invention of claims 1-10, without traverse. Applicants elect a fiber base material of silica only, an oxide dopant of MgO only, and an elemental dopant of germanium only. Claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-10.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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